

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 21, 2012

1. **City-State Groundwater Working Group** – The Working Group will meet again in July.
2. **MBTA** – The T has completed the installation of new observation wells in the Ellis area (they will be turned over to the Trust when no longer needed by the T). They will shortly begin the month long planned shutdown of the recharge system in the area so that they can measure closely the impact of removing that water source. This will enable their consultants to complete a flow model that will be an important part of developing a long term solution for low groundwater levels in the area. We expect to hear more details at the July City-State Groundwater Working Group meeting; a public meeting is planned for later in the year.
3. **BWSC** – The repairs that BWSC completed in the area of Commercial and Richmond Streets in the North End have unfortunately not led to increased groundwater levels. BWSC plans further investigative work in the area to find other potential causes of the low levels. Repair work on Dartmouth Street has begun with cleaning and television efforts in the pipes to be repaired. Lining should begin shortly. The contract for reconstruction work on the sewer line in Blagdon Street behind the Boston Public Library has been signed, with work scheduled to begin in September.
4. **East Boston** – We have seen some significant drop back in the increased levels in parts of the Paris Flats section of East Boston, although levels are still generally well above those seen before the MWRA repairs. The geography seems to be a little different than what we had seen previously, and we are trying to determine a potential cause. Further research has indicated that less of the structures in the area than we initially suspected are wood piling supported.
5. **GCOD** – Compliance with GCOD continues to be excellent, thanks to the efforts of ISD, BWSC, the BRA, and the Board of Appeals. We continue to work with project proponents to help them develop the most cost effective ways to meet GCOD requirements.
6. **Website** – Traffic to the website has leveled off so far this month. We continue to get compliments on the usefulness of the information posted.
7. **Meetings** – I spoke to the agents from the Hammond Realty Group about groundwater issues. I also attended a BRA scoping session on the YMCA project in the Fenway.
8. **Vacation** – I will be on vacation the week of July 9. I expect to have email and cell phone access during the trip.